

Welcome to BALOO, one of the best weekends of the year!

We do our best to make sure that every attendee comes away with at least some new nugget, whether you're brand new to the outdoors or a seasoned veteran. Don't worry - if it's your first time, we've got you covered.

This training is so very important for Scouting, and thank you so very much for signing up to attend. Camping is a central piece of the Scouting experience, and your Cubs cannot do it without BALOO trained volunteers. Our goal for the weekend will be not only to teach you how to safely camp with Cub Scouts, but also to give you the skills and knowledge so that you are able to teach cubs as well as put together an amazing program for them.

A very important note - this event starts Saturday morning and has a mandatory overnight, ending around noon on Sunday.

There is an online prerequisite for the course. Please go to my.scouting.org, and log in. Select the "My Training" block, scroll down and select the "Cub Scouting" block. There, you'll see a few items in a bar. Select "Catalog" and search for BALOO. You're looking for the BALOO Prerequisite Training. While we can add the in-person training to your profile when you complete it, you are not considered BALOO trained until this online module is completed. Please have it done prior to the weekend. Please also ensure that you Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly Youth Protection Training) and Hazardous Weather training is up to date. These may be found on the same my.scouting training page.

The course will take place at Camp 40 Acres in Andover. The GPS address is 171 Woburn St, Andover MA. Arrival time is 8am. We expect to be done by noon on Sunday, but we do sometimes get out earlier.

The dress code is "something Scouty preferred." Most or all of our facilitators will be in our Field uniform (class A), and you're welcome to wear yours if you would like to. You are more than welcome to wear a pack shirt or some other scout related shirt, or just something you're comfortable in.

There is a packing list provided below. Please note that you must bring a copy of your BSA Health Form, pages A, B1 and B2. If you are short any gear, don't worry. Others in your pack may have some you can borrow, local troops may have some you can borrow, or we have spare equipment as well.

- Tent
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Sleeping pad/mat or more blankets
- Sturdy shoes as we are in the woods
- Weather appropriate clothing for both days

- Mess kit consisting of a bowl, plate, hot-liquid cup and utensils. Whatever you have around your house or cheap items from your local store work great.
- Camp chair - definitely a must
- Notepad/Pen or other way of taking notes
- Bug spray
- Sleeping attire
- Pocket knife (optional, but recommended)
- Your favorite jokes, skits, songs or similar for our Saturday night campfire.

Again, the biggest THANK YOU for signing up. We look forward to seeing you at the class!

For any questions, please reach out to the course facilitators:

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